

### THE OLD . **FARMER'S** ALMANAC



IULY 7-13, 1980 Head needs sunbonnet on it.

Pick blueberries now New moon July 12 cast July 13, 1930

Milky Way visible in early evening
Average length of days for the week, 15
Sow turnips for fall First television broadA growing moon is a lucky time to marry in

Ask the Old Farmer: I recently inherited some fine furniture that is about 50 years old On some parts of the furniture there is an accumulation that looks like dirty kitchen-type grease. Is there any way to remove this film without damaging the finish? L.D., Manchester, N.H.

Clean it with a solution of equal quantities of vinegar, mineral oil, and turpentine Thoroughly shake to mix and apply by rubbing it vigorously on the wood with a soft cloth Always shake well before using

Home Hints To remove grass stains from clothes rub spot with lard and

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS New England: Clear and hot for most of week, weekend is cloudy and cool, bringing showers

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy and cool, with showers to start week, warmer midweek, week's end is clear and hot Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with rain south and showers north, middle through end of week is clear and hot Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week starts mild, few showers, then sunny and hot, some showers, rest of week and weekend

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#### Peoria Cattle

Wednesday, July 2 Report supplied by USDA

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK: Slaughter steers and heifers opened the week .50 to 1.50 lower in reaction to the downward trending carcass trade. However, Wednesday's short, preholiday supply, coupled with a turn-about in carcass trade found buyers scrambling for numbers and erasing part or all of Mondays downturn. Slaughter steers finished steady, Instances .50 higher. Heifers .50 lower. Cows 1.00-3.00 lower. Bulls steady to 2.00 lower. Receipts this week 2450, last week 3701, a year ago 3618.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. 67.00-69.00. Bulk at 68.50-69.00 late. Couple packages choice 2-3 60.50-70.00 on Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 64.50-68.00 Closing 65.50-68.00, Good 62.50-65.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 64.50-67.00, late sales 65.50-67.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1050 lbs. Closed 64.50-65.50 Good 61.00-64.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-3 40.00-45.00 Cutter 40.00-45.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-2700 lbs 50.00-58 00

#### New Holland Horse

Monday, June 30 New Holland Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction Reported receipts of 331 head of horses, mules, and ponies Market steady

Load of Tn riding horses 600 00-1000 00, Load of Tn driving horses 750.00-1400.00 Load of N Y driving horses 825 00-1775 00 Load of N Y driving horses 650 00-825 00

Load of Tn. driving horses 700.00-1200.00. Better horses 600.00-750.00; Driving horses 375.00-650.00; Riding horses 350.00-550.00; Lightweight killers 325.00-500.00; Heavyweight killers 550.00-675.00; Mares 30.00-70.00; Colts 15.00-35.00; Geldings 30.00-65.00; Larger Pontes

#### Lancaster Feeder Cattle

125.00-235.00.

Friday, June 27 Report supplied by USDA

Today Last Friday 467 Last Year

TREND: Feeder steers 2.00-3.00 higher. 102 sold in graded sale.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium to Large Frame 1: Three lots 500-525 lb. 79.50-81.00; two lots 600-670 lbs. 72.25-73.50; 835-865 lb. 68.75-69.50; two lots fleshy 950-980 lbs. 64.00-65.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: 875-965 lb. 55.50-

FEEDER BULLS: Medium to Large Frame 1: 460-600 lbs. 59.00-65.00; couple packages Holsteins 645-675 lbs. 56.50-58.25.



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# Livestock market and auction news

#### Pa. Auction Summary

Thursday, July 3 Report supplied by USDA

CATTLE 3723. Compared with 6622 head last week, and 4765 head a year ago. Slaughters steers unevenly steady; Sl. heifers steady to weak: Sl. cows \$2-\$3 lower; Sl. bullocks \$1-\$1.50 lower; Sl. bulls \$1-\$3 lower. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 65.00-68.85; Choice No. 2-4, 63.00-68.50; Good 55.00-60.00; Standard 52.00-56.50. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 44.00-49.00, few to 50.00. Cutters 42.50-48.00; Canner & L. Cutter 39.00-45.00; Shells down to 32.00. Sl. bullocks: Choice 55.00-62.00; Good 5' 00-60.00 Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs. 55.25-51.50 few 64.00; Yield Grade No. 2 1000-1700 lbs. 51.0 -57.00.

CALVES 2252. Compared with 3478 head last week and 2899 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady. Prime 90.00-108.00; Choice 85.00-93.00; Good 78.00-88.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 70.00-83.00; 65-90 lbs. 60.00-76.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 80.00-124.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs 85.00-190.00 mostly 100.00-150.00.

HOGS: 7746 Compared

with 8754 head last week and 6182 head a year ago Barrows and gilts steady to \$1 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 41.00-43.50 few to 45.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs 39 00-41 50; No. 2-3 190-265 lbs 38.00-40.50; No. 1-3 140-190 los. 30.00-38.00; Sows \$1-2 higher. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs 28.00-35.50; No 2-3 300-650 lbs 25.00-29.00 Boars 20.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1977 Compared with 1776 head last week and 1292 a year ago. Steady to \$1 higher. US No. 20-35 lbs. 12.00-21.00 per head; few US No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 17.00-29.00; few No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 28.00-36.00

GRADED FEEDER PIGS 2121. Compared with 3170 head last week, and 1482 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs steady to \$2 higher spots to \$6 higher. few US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs 51.00-71.00, 40-50 lbs. 55.00-67.00, 50-60 lbs 47.00-60.00, 60-80 lbs. 46,00-50,00, few US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 40.00-69.00, 40-50 lbs. 37.00-64 00, 50-60 lbs. 41.00-52.00.

SHEEP 851. Compared with 1046 head last week and 428 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs steady to \$3 lower Choice 65-125 lbs. 57.00-62 00 few to 70.00; Good 50-100 lbs 50.00-60.00. Sl. ewes: 15.00-

## Why not build a barn today

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# Bean beetle parasites released. on schedule

CHESTERTOWN, Md -Contrary to rumor, the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mexican bean beetle parasite release on the Central "blitz" Eastern Shore is right on schedule.

William F. Gimpel, Jr., of MDA, who is supervising the program, says that over 100,000 parasites have been released. "As a matter of fact, we are slightly ahead of schedule," he said.

Some of the 300 farmers participating in the program in Kent, Caroline, Queen Annes, Talbot and Dorchester counties have called extension service agents in their counties saying they have heard there is a shortage of parasites. The agents have relayed their concerns to Gimpel's office

"What might have touched off the rumors is the fact that our original plans called for securing bean beetle larvae from South Carolina fields to use the production of parasites for release. This supply was not available so we had to increase parasite production at the College Park laboratory.

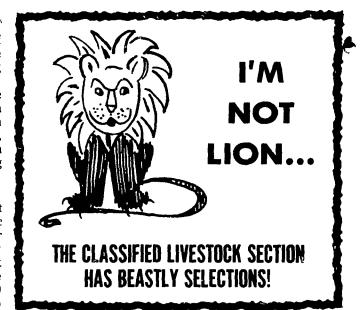
"The New Jersey Department of Agriculture also is assisting us in the production of parasites, and

their production along with ours at College Park will provide us with the parasites we need for the project.

"Parasite releases in the snap bean/soybean 'nurse plots' are being carried out on a split basis in that twin releases are made in each plot five to seven days apart We have stepped up production and are meeting the schedule," Gimpel said.

The program underway this year in the five counties is a cooperative effort by MDA, the Maryland extension service and USDA's Animal and Plant Healt Inspection Service demonstrate that coordinated and massive employment of bean beetle parasties can be an effective tool in controlling the destructive Mexican bean beetle. APHIS is supplying the major funding support for the program which is being closely observed by plant protection and pest management officials in neighboring states.

The parasite being used is a wasp which, while harmless to humans, lays its eggs in the larvae of the bean beetles. The beetle larvae are then destroyed when the wasp eggs hatch.



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